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SUBJ: FONMIN ALLON OF ISRAEL STATEMENT IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OCT. 3.

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING THOSE OF
JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN SYRIA AND SOVIET UNION, THE
MAJOR PORTION OF
ISRAELI FONMIN ALLON'S GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT OCT 3
WAS DEVOTED TO COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF KEY ISSUES OF
MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. THIS PORTION OF STATEMENT, REPRODUCED
FROM ISRAELI MISSION TEXT WITHOUT ABRIDGEMENT FOLLOWS:
QTE: ONE YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE YOM KIPPUR WAR - A
BLOODY ENCOUNTER STARTED BY EGYPT AND SYRIA, REINFORCED BY CONTINGENTS

FROM OTHER ARAB STATES, AND ENJOYING THE MATERIAL AND POLITICAL
SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION. MORE THEN 2,500 ISRAELI SOLDIERS
LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS WAR, MORE THAN 12,000 EGYPTIANS AND
MORE THAN 3,000 SYRIANS AND OTHERS. MOST OF THEM DIED IN THE
BLOOM OF YOUTH AND LEFT BEREAVED PARENTS, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS
BEHIND THEM ISRAELI PRISONERS WERE SAVAGELY MALTREATED IN
SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN PRISONS. MORE THAN 40,000 MEN WERE WOUNDED
AND MANY PERMANENTLY DISABLED. THE AGONY OF BEREAVEMENT OF THE
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WIDOWS, OF THE ORPHANS, AND OF THE DISABLED ARE SHARED EQUALLY

BY THE PEOPLES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LINES.
FOLLOWING ON THIS WAR THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED RESOLUTION
338, THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF WHICH READS:
"THE SECURITY COUNCIL
...3. DECIDES THAT, IMMEDIATELY AND CONCURRENTLY
WITH THE CEASE-FIRE, NEGOTIATIONS SHALL START BETWEEN
THE PARTIES CONCERNED UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES AIMED
AT ESTABLISHING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

IT IS NOT TO THE CREDIT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT
IT WAS ONLY IN OCTOBER 1973- 24 YEARS AFTER THE SIGNATURE IN
1949 OF THE GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ISRAEL, EGYPT,
JORDAN, LEBANON AND SYRIA - THAT IT SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS, AT ANY RATE, WAS PROGRESS AND IT IS
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. BUT WHY DID SO IMPORTANT AND
ESSENTIAL A RESOLUTION HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE
SANGUINARY WAR OF OCTOBER LAST?

THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND SYRIA ALSO REPRESENT A MEASURE OF
PROGRESS. SINCE THE 1967 ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN
KHARTOUM, WITH ITS TRIPLE NEGATIVES - NO PEACE, NO RECOGNI-
TION, NO NEGOTIATIONS- THIS WAS A FIRST POSITIVE STEP. IT
WAS TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE WAR, AND AS
A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES
AND OF THE REMARKABLE EFFORTS OF ITS SECRETARY OF STATE,
DR. KISSINGER.

BUT HERE, 599, THE SAME GRAVE QUESTION PRESENTS ITSELF:
WHY DID THIS COME SO LATE, AND WHY ONLY AFTER BLOODSHED?
AFTER ALL, PARTIAL ARRANGMENTS COULD HAVE BEEN REACHED WITHOUT
WAR AND BEFORE THE WAR, BOTH IN THE SUEZ CANAL AREA AND ON THE
GOLAN HEIGHTS. IN 1971 ISRAEL RESPONDED AFFIRMATELY TO THE
AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR PROXIMITY TALKS FOR A PARTIAL AGREEMENT
WITH EGYPT, AND THERE WAS NO REASON WHY, AS TIME WENT ONE, WE
SHOULD NOT HAVE RESPONDED IN THE SAME WAY TO PROPOSALS FOR
SIMILAR TALKS WITH THE OTHER NEIGHBOURING STATES. IT WAS THE
OTHER SIDE THAT REJECTED THE PROPOSAL AND THUS KILLED THIS
CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVE FOR A NO GOOD REASON. IN THE EVENT WE
DID FINALLY HAVE FACE-TO-FACE TALKS, THAT IS TO SAY SOMETHING
MORE THAN PROXIMITY TALKS, AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE, AT THE KILOMETRE 101 NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CAIRO-SUEZ
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ROAD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT , AND ON THE OCCASION OF THE
SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA IN GENEVA. WHY THEN SHOULD
THIS HAVE BEEN DONE AT THE COST OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES?
IF FURTHER PROOF WERE REQUIRED- THE OCTOBER WAR
SHOWED CLEARLY THAT THERE IS NOT, THERE CANNOT BE, AND THERE
NEVER WILL BE A MILITARY SOLUTION OF THE ARAB-USRAEL CONFLICT,
WHICH PERSISTS BEYOND ALL REASON AND BEYOND ALL POLITICAL

REALISM: A CONFLICT WHICH SAPS THE VERY MARROW FROM THE BONES
OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA AND, DESPITE THE EXTENSIVE
RESOURCES OF OUR AREA, DEBILITATES THEIR ECONOMIES AND THEIR
SOCIETIES.

LET US LOOK AT THE FACTS: IN THIS WAR THE AGGRESSORS
ENJOYED THREE MARKED ADVANTAGES WHICH, UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES,
SHOULD HAVE BEEN DECISIVE:

- (1) OVERWHELMING STRENGTH IN MANPOWER
AND MODERN SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY.
- (2) INITIATIVE
- (3) SURPRISE.

635 DESPITE THESE GREAT ADVANTAGES THE CITIZEN ARMY OF
ISRAEL RAPIDLY OVERCAME THE EFFECT OF THE SURPRISE, HALTED
THE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF THE ATTACKING FORCES AND PASSED OVER TO
A BOLD COUNTER-OFFENSIVE WHICH BROUGHT ISRAELI TROOPS WELL
BEYOND THE FORMER CEASE-FIRE LINES IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND
INTO LARGE AREAS TO THE WEST OF THE SUEZ CANAL, THUS SURROUNDING THE
THIRD EGYPTIAN ARMY. I DO NOT THINK THAT ANY PARTICULAR MILITARY
EXPERTISE IS REQUIRED TO REALIZE WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
TO THE AGGRESSORS' FORCES IF, AT THIS STAGE, THE SECURITY
COUNCIL HAD NOT HURRIEDLY CALLED FOR A CEASE-FIRE, WHICH OF
COURSE IT DID NOT DO EARLIER, BEFORE IT BECAME CLEAR
THAT THE WHEEL HAD TURNED IN ISRAEL'S FAVOUR.
THIS IS THE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ISRAELI
VICTORY AND AN ARAB VICTORY. IF THE ARAB ARMIES HAD TRIUMPHED
THE WORLD WOULD HAVE WITNESSED AN ACT OF GENOCIDE, WHEREAS THE
ARAB DEFEAT WAS LIMITED TO THE FIELD OF BATTLE AND IN FACT OPENED

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